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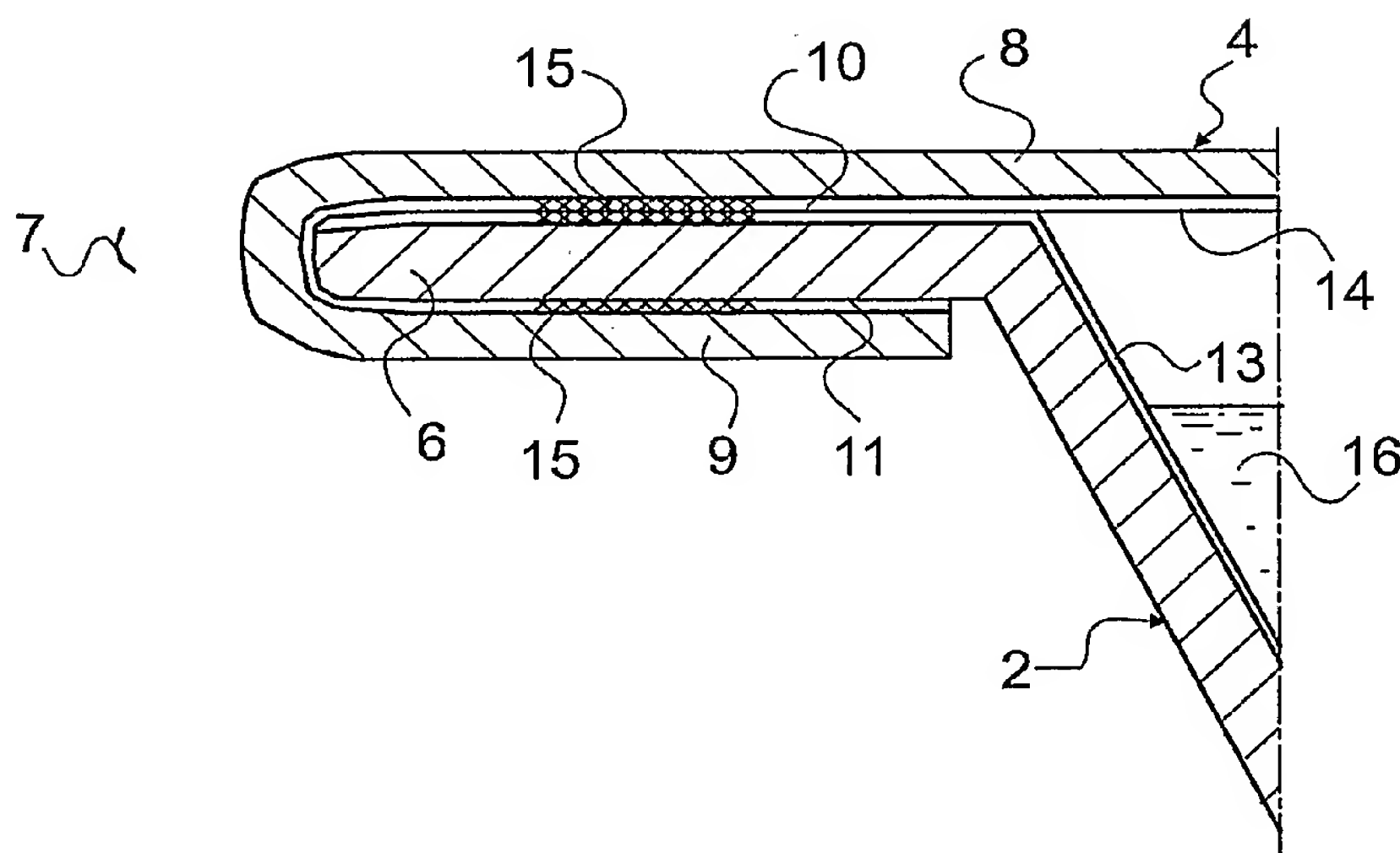
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(54) Title: READY-MADE FOOD PACKAGE AND A METHOD OF MAKING IT



(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a ready-made food package, to a method for manufacturing it and to the use of polymer-coated board in the ready-made food package. The package is manufactured by placing the food (16) in a raw state in the tray (2) where the food is baked, and by closing the tray with a lid (4) after baking. In accordance with the invention, the lid (4) is formed from a blank cut from polymer-coated board, the blank being placed over the mouth of the tray (2), and then the edges (9) of the blank are bent under the rim flange (6) of the tray and heat-sealed to the lower surface (11) of the rim flange by means of the polymer coating (14) of the board. The lid can be additionally heat-sealed to the upper surface (10) of the rim flange, so that two sealing lines (15) will be formed inside each other in the package. Accordingly, the tray (2) can be formed of polymer-coated board or optionally of polymer or aluminium alone.



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